GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MEETING WITH US DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE
SRINIVASULU KALAVA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any understanding has been reached at the last round of discussions between him and the US Deputy Secretary of State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b) and (c) The last full round of discussion between Minister of External Affairs Shri Jaswant Singh and US Deputy Secretary of State Mr. Strobe Talbott was held in London on January 18 - 19, 2000. This meeting was in continuation of the bilateral dialogue on security, non-proliferation, disarmament and related issues, established for the purpose of creating greater trust and understanding between the two countries. There was a brief exchange of views between the Minister of External Affairs Shri Jaswant Singh and US Deputy Secretary of State in Bangkok on 27 July on the margins of the 7th ASEAN Regional Forum meetingDuring the visit of President Clintonin march 2000, the two sides agreed that this dialogue should continue, semi- annually or as often as considered desirable, as part of the agreed structure for institutional dialogue between India and the United states.